

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

December 6, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCIL MEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Executive Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; LAUREEN NICOLAY, Senior Planner; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Business Committed to Kids
Award

Sandy Chastian introduced Jay Leviton, Director of Career and Life Skills for the Renton School District, who presented the most recent "Business Committed to Kids" award to Craig Lande. Mr. Leviton said that Mr. Lande, who owns Lande Feed, has dedicated many hours of his professional and personal time to Black River High School's horticulture program. Mr. Lande has also provided job shadowing and internship opportunities to numerous students.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * City employees recently concluded their 1999 annual United Way fundraising campaign; contributions totaled \$40,809, representing a 20% increase over last year's total.
- * Members of the Highlands Community Association received a presentation last week regarding the operations of the Olympic Pipeline company, including information on its pipeline corridor safety plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Mayor Tanner reappointed Eileen Cunio, 337 Stevens Ave. NW, Renton, 98055; Michael J. O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059; and Jerri Everett, 2525 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, each to the Municipal Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2002. Council concur.

Parks: Former City Hall Lease Agreements (VoiceStream, Sprint & AT&T)	Community Services Department recommended approval of three lease agreements for the former City Hall building: the first two with VoiceStream and Sprint for roof space for antennas and a portion of the 7th floor for equipment; and the last with AT&T Local Service for basement space to house fiber optic communication links to serve other building tenants. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
CAG: 99-088, New Fire Alarms for 200 Mill Ave S Bldg	Community Services Department submitted CAG-99-088, New Fire Alarms for the 200 Mill Ave. S. Building; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$32, 877.95, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$1,586.77 to Automated Communications Corp., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Plat: Anicello, ROW Dedication on Newport Ct NE	Development Services Division recommended Council acceptance of the dedication of a portion of Newport Court NE for public road use to fulfill a requirement of the Anicello Short Plat (SHP-96-073). Council concur.
Executive: Volunteer & Special Event Coordination Contract, Sonja Mejlaender	Executive Division recommended renewing a contract for volunteer coordination and special event coordination services with Sonja Mejlaender for January 1 through December 31, 2000, in the amount of \$45,000. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Plat: Maplewood Estates, Preliminary (PP-	Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Maplewood Estates Preliminary Plat; 218 single family lots on 62.7 acres located south of SE 128th, west of 152nd SW, and east of 148th Ave. SE. Council concur.
Police: Adult Supervision of Children in Vehicles	Legal Department recommended adoption of an ordinance defining adult supervision of children in vehicles. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u> .
Transportation: I-405 Corridor "Purpose and Needs" Statement	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a proposed "Purpose and Needs" statement for the I-405 corridor to fulfill Environmental Impact Statement concurrence requirements. Council concur.
Airport: Boeing Co. Lease of "Apron C"	Transportation Division recommended approval of Addendum #18 to LAG-65-877, lease with the Boeing Company for "Apron C" located on the west side of the Municipal Airport, to again allow the City to use this area for month-to-month aircraft storage. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
Regional Issues: Sanitary Sewer Service Boundary Agreement w/Coal Creek Utility District	Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a proposed sanitary sewer service boundary agreement with the Coal Creek Utility District. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
Public Works: Talbot Crest Lift Station Project (Temporary Closure of Talbot Crest Drive)	Utility Systems Division requested authorization for a temporary closure of a portion of Talbot Crest Drive for up to eight weeks in winter/spring of 2000 for the Talbot Crest Lift Station replacement project. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .
	MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE	
Citizen Comment: Smyth – Kensington Crest Condo Development; Traffic Control on South Puget Drive	Correspondence was read from James Smyth, president, Rolling Hills Village Homeowners' Association, PO Box 656, Renton, 98057, expressing concern that the Kensington Crest Condominium development project (at 3500 SE Royal Hills Dr.) will exacerbate existing traffic problems in this area, and requesting installation of traffic control on South Puget Drive. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS

LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Parks: Pavilion Building
Feasibility Analysis, Columbia
Hospitality, CAG-99-

Council President Parker presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending that Council authorize the Administration to enter into a contract with Columbia Hospitality (CRG Hospitality) to complete the Phase I feasibility analysis and report for the Pavilion building at a cost of \$34,760 (including \$29,760 for approximately 310 hours of professional time plus an estimate of \$5,000 for expenses, including architect consultation). Staff will report back to the Committee of the Whole in March of 2000. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Budget: 2000

Council President Parker presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending that Council adopt the 2000 Budget as proposed, with the following changes:

Proposed Budget – \$141,480,291

Adds:

Fund 316: Skateboard Park – \$150,000

Fund 215: Transfer of excess fund balance to Fund 316 as revenue (\$820,000)

Fund 207: Transfer of excess fund balance to Fund 316 as revenue (\$35,000)

Fund 221: Transfer of excess fund balance to Fund 316 as revenue (\$100,000).

Total Appropriations: \$142,585,291.

To cover the cost of I-695 and Council's decision not to increase the card room tax as proposed by the Mayor, the allocation of the property tax revenue in Fund 316 will now be made in the General Fund. The transfer of excess fund balances as illustrated above will substitute for the property tax allocation in Fund 316.

The Council also increases revenues to Fund 316 from property sale proceeds to met the additional requirements of adding an appropriation for the Skateboard Park.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 431 for ordinance.)

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending approval of Payroll Vouchers 23000 - 23223 and 514 direct deposits in the total amount of \$962,235.78. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

Development Services:
A-Frame Signs

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding A-Frame signs. The Committee met four times to consider the staff, Sign Code Review Team, and citizen input concerning amendment of the City's Sign Code. A public hearing on this issue was held on September 27, 1999. The Committee recommended that the Administration prepare an ordinance amending the sign regulations for environmental review and consideration by the Council that incorporates the following recommendations:

1. A-Frame Signs should be permitted: A-Frame Signs should be allowed for businesses city-wide subject to the proposed standards.

2. Permit process should be streamlined: The Committee recommended that temporary signs have a simplified permit application form and process, separate from permanent signs.

3. Evaluation of regulations in one year: The Committee recommended that staff keep record of the number of permits issued, complaints and enforcement issues and report back to the Council in one year. At that time, the Council can determine to retain the A-Frame Sign regulations, modify the regulations, or eliminate the program if necessary.

Item L in the proposed standards regarding removal of A-Frame Signs upon the daily close of business is the subject of a split Committee report:

Option 1: Require Daily Removal of A-Frame Signage: A-Frame signs are considered to be temporary signs, however, if these signs were to remain in use 24 hours a day, they would essentially become permanent signs. We are concerned that if problems should arise with a sign after the close of business, there would be no one representing the business to deal with the issues. Further, removal of the signs during non-business hours would reduce the amount of City liability by reducing the amount of public exposure to the signs. In addition, removal upon close of business would reduce the amount of sign clutter during the times when the business is not open. With Council concurrence, we would request that the Administration prepare an ordinance amending the sign code which includes a requirement for daily removal of A-Frame signs during non-business hours.*

~~Option 2: Do Not Require Daily Removal of A-Frame Signage: During the enforcement moratorium, and even longer for some businesses, a number of businesses have displayed these signs for 24-hour periods with no reported problems. I maintain that we should try permitting A-Frame signs on a 24-hour basis. Then, if there are problems that arise, they can be addressed by Council when this issue is revisited again in a year. With Council concurrence, I would request that the Administration prepare an ordinance amending the sign code which does not include a requirement for daily removal during non-business hours.~~

*MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON,
COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT WITH OPTION #1.**

Councilman Edwards supported Option #1 which would require daily removal of A-Frame signs, since such signs are made to be portable and meant to be temporary rather than permanent in nature. Councilmember Nelson agreed, saying that A-Frame signs should be removed to the interior of the business during non-business hours.

While Councilman Corman also supported Option #1, he suggested that the City look into allowing small, permanent directional signs for stores located some distance from the street entrance; for example, in a strip mall. He felt that A-Frame signs should not be used as directional signage.

Councilman Schlitzer said while some concerns have been expressed regarding A-Frame signs, the question of whether they should be able to be displayed around the clock was never an issue. He said many A-Frame signs have been left out all day and night in the past without any problems or complaints.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler responded that daily removal of A-Frame signs will help lessen visual clutter in the City. She added that the presence of

an A-Frame sign makes it appear as if the business is open, when it may not be. Saying he is a proponent of A-Frame signs, Council President Parker said these should be an asset to Renton rather than a liability. He supported Option #1 in the spirit of compromise, since the City will be allowing A-Frame signs rather than prohibiting them.

****MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE REPORT WITH OPTION #1.**

Ms. Keolker-Wheeler expressed appreciation to the Sign Code Review Team which was able to formulate recommendations despite the various and sometimes competing views its members brought to the table. She also thanked staff for having done a tremendous amount of work on this project.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Budget: 2000

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read adopting the annual budget for the year 2000 in the total amount of \$142,585,291. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.**

Ordinance #4818

Budget: 2000

Following second and final reading of the above-referenced ordinance, it was **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4819

Annexation: Smith

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 12 acres located east of Hoquiam Ave. NE (142nd Ave. SE), generally between SE 113th and 116th Streets across from Hazen High School (Smith Annexation, A-98-002). **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

Ordinance #4820

Annexation: Smith, Zoning

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification of 12 acres located east of Hoquiam Ave. NE (142nd Ave. SE), generally between SE 113th and 116th Streets across from Hazen High School annexed to the City of Renton to Residential - Five Dwelling Units per Acre (R-5) and Residential - Eight Dwelling Units per Acre (R-8) for the Smith Annexation. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council: 2000 Council
President Election (Corman)

Council President Parker opened nominations for 2000 Council President.

Councilman Edwards nominated Councilman Randy Corman to serve as Council President in 2000.

There being no further nominations, it was **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. CARRIED.**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL SELECT COUNCILMAN RANDY CORMAN AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2000. CARRIED.

Council: 2000 Council
President Pro Tem (Schlitzer)

Mr. Parker then opened nominations for 2000 Council President Pro tem.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler nominated Councilman Tim Schlitzer to serve as Council President Pro tem in 2000.

There being no further nominations, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SELECT COUNCILMAN TIM SCHLITZER AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2000. CARRIED.

Development Services: Butco
Property Development

Councilmember Nelson asked for an update on possible development of the Butco property (previously known as the Parker PUD).

Planning: Multi-Family Design
Guidelines (Public Hearing)

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON 12/20/99 ON THE PROPOSED MULTI-FAMILY DESIGN GUIDELINES. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Bonnell –
City Policy re: RVs, Semi-
Trucks, etc. in Parking Lots

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler referred to a letter she received from Frank Bonnell regarding the parking of recreational vehicles, semi-trucks, etc. in large parking lots. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Shorter –
Churches as Conditional Uses;
Process and Requirements

Don Shorter, 4528 – 20th Ave. Ct. SE, Puyallup, 98022, cited City of Renton Development Regulations section 4.2.070.m, which states that churches, synagogues and temples are Hearing Examiner conditional uses in the Center Downtown zone. Conditional uses are subject to application fees, and they must undergo a lengthy review process which involves the submittal of such documentation as a drainage control plan, a drainage report, architectural elevations, an environmental checklist, a geotechnical report, a conceptual landscaping plan, a screening detail for refuse/recycling matter, a wetlands delineation map, etc. Saying that such requirements are cumbersome for churches, Mr. Shorter added that while he understood the need to ensure the safety of buildings that are used for public assembly, the aforementioned requirements are not applied to movie theatres which could also be construed as public gathering places.

Councilman Corman clarified that while churches are allowed in many areas of Renton, they are indeed often subject to conditional use requirements. He wondered if these would be more appropriately applied to new construction rather than to existing buildings which appears to be the specific case to which Mr. Shorter is referring. Councilman Schlitzer assured Mr. Shorter that Renton is not against churches; however, the City's requirements and conditions which relate to this type of use exist for many reasons. He agreed it would be beneficial to review these reasons, emphasizing that Renton does not seek to impose onerous requirements.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that staff provide the committee with all current regulations pertaining to churches in advance of its meeting on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:24 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
December 6, 1999